Entering of NTPC into hydro sector and transmission

3044. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC plans to enter into power transmission;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan;

(c) whether the Organization also propose to enter into hydro sector, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a): and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of its Business Strategy, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is exploring various diversification options including, setting up of high voltage transmission lines at appropriate time.

(c) and (d) NTPC has entered into hydro power generation with Koldam Hydro Electric Power Project (800 MW) in Himachal Pradesh, which is likely to be commissioned in 2008-09. NTPC has also taken up hydro projects *i.e.* Tapovan Vishnugad (520 MW) in district Chamoli and Loharinag Pala (600 MW) in district Uttarkashi in Uttaranchal. Further, NTPC Hydro Limited (NHL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC has been allocated 120 MW Lata Tapovan Project in district Chamoli, Uttaranchal. NTPC is also exploring the possibility of undertaking hydro electric projects in the States of Uttaranchal, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal and Karnataka.

Consumption and supply of power in M.P.

†3045. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise data of consumption and supply of power in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between consumption and supply; and

(c) the power projects of Madhya Pradesh which have been given approval by the Central Government during the last three years?

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